



COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE

Lewis County, WA | Reporting Week for May 9, 2021 to May 15, 2021

Summary

The first diagnosed case of COVID-19 in a Lewis County resident was reported on March 15, 2020.

As of May 15, 2021,

- A total of **4,685** Lewis County residents had tested positive for COVID-19, **61** residents had died from health issues related to COVID-19.
- There were **131 new COVID-19 cases** reported in Lewis County last week, a **decrease** from the previous reporting week.
- There was **one active outbreak** in a congregate care setting in Lewis County.
- In the past two reporting weeks, there were **331.5 new COVID-19 cases per 100K** residents of Lewis County.
- Lewis County was in **Phase 3** of Healthy Washington: Roadmap to Recovery.
- **25.4%** of Lewis County residents had been fully vaccinated.

COVID-19 Weekly Update Summary, May 9 - May 15, 2021, Lewis County, WA

Description	May 9, 2021 - May 15, 2021	March 15, 2020 - May 8, 2021
COVID-19 Cases	131	4,685
Hospitalized for COVID-19 (ever during illness)	12	339
Deaths	1	61
Outbreaks in Congregate Care Settings	1	30

Note All data are subject to change as more data become available and are verified.

Between May 16, 2021 and May 18, 2021, there have been 47 new COVID-19 cases reported in Lewis County. These data are preliminary and subject to change.

This Weekly Update is intended to show data compiled over a week's time (Sunday through Saturday) and confirmed data over the life of the COVID-19 pandemic. As data is verified, numbers reported previously may change. We access data from multiple official sources, each with its own definitions, processes, and deadlines to meet organizational needs. What can appear to be discrepancies in data from one source, or one day, to another, is a reflection of these operating procedures. Data sources for this Weekly Update include: Lewis County Public Health & Social Services Department (LCPHSS), Washington State Department of Health (DOH) COVID-19 Data Dashboard: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/NovelCoronavirusOutbreak2020COVID19/DataDashboard>, and Roadmap to Recovery Metrics: <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/roadmap-recovery-metrics>. Total COVID-19 case counts include cases defined as diagnosed and probable; probable case count inclusion began December 16, 2020.

Everything we report in our Weekly Update, Daily Case Information Report, on our website, and in our news releases is an official public record. As such, it has been confirmed to the best of our abilities to be accurate for Lewis County before being published. Weekday COVID-19 cases are reported on the same day. COVID-19 cases from Saturday, Sunday, and holidays are reported out the next business day. Please visit: [Lewis County Public Health COVID-19 Information \(lewiscountywa.gov\)](https://www.lewiscountywa.gov/COVID-19).

Total Cases and Deaths by Age Group

- There were **131 new COVID-19 cases** reported in Lewis County last week, a **decrease** from the previous reporting week.
- There was **one new death** related to COVID-19 that was verified and reported in Lewis County last week.

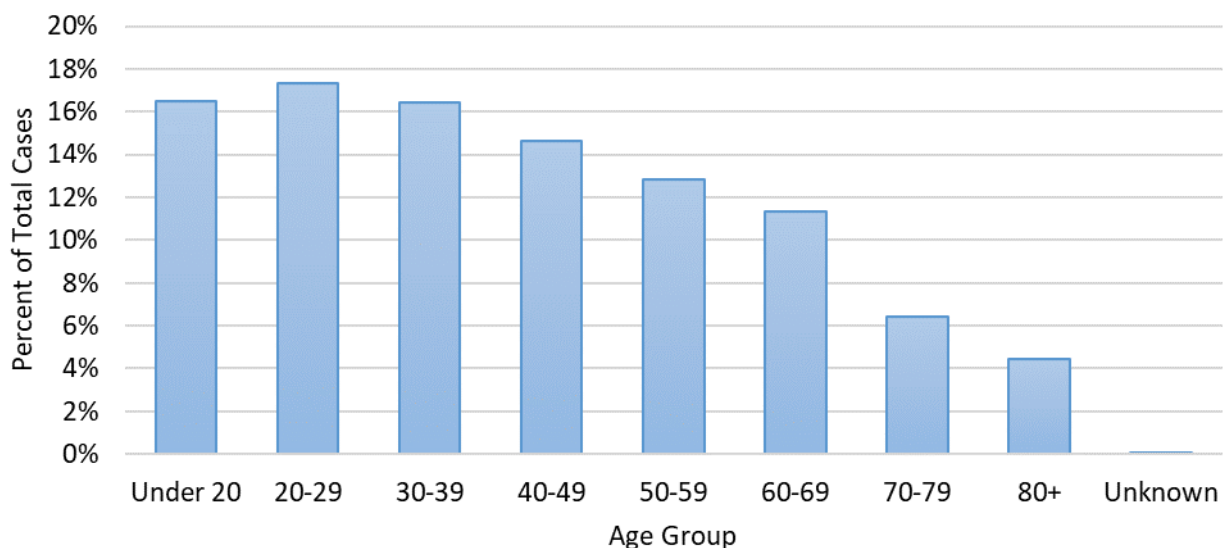
COVID-19 Cases and Related Deaths by Age Group, as of May 15, 2021, Lewis County, WA

Age Group	Diagnosed Cases	Probable Cases*	Total Cases	% of Total Cases	Deaths
Under 20	592	182	774	16.5%	0
20-29	644	168	812	17.3%	0
30-39	590	179	769	16.4%	0
40-49	569	116	685	14.6%	1
50-59	504	97	601	12.8%	7
60-69	454	78	532	11.4%	6
70-79	276	25	301	6.4%	18
80+	187	21	208	4.4%	29
Unknown	0	3	3	0.1%	0
Total	3,816	869	4,685	100.0%	61

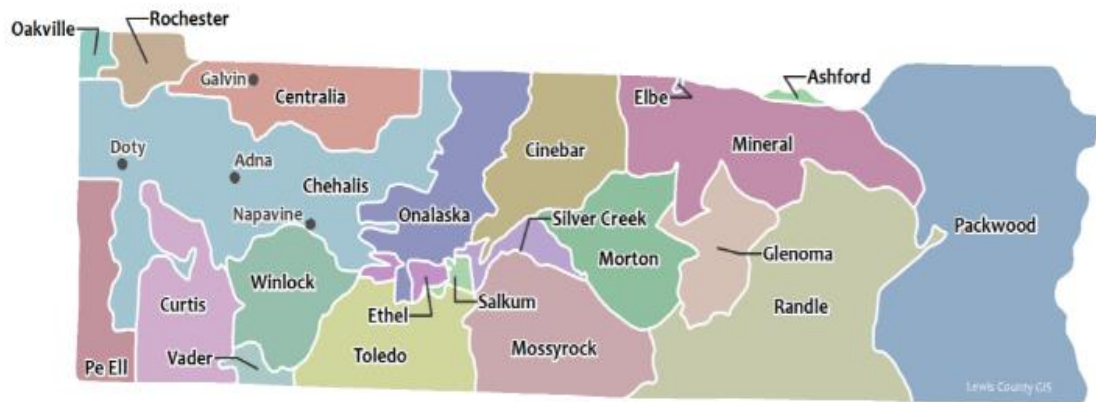
*Probable case count began on December 16, 2020.

Note LCPHSS does not report COVID-19-related deaths of Lewis County residents until verified by receipt of a physician-signed death certificate stating COVID-19 as a cause of death. All numbers are subject to change as more data are available and are verified.

Total Cases by Age Group, as of May 15, 2021, Lewis County, WA



Total Cases by ZIP Code Area



Total Cases of COVID-19 by ZIP Code Area, as of May 15, 2021, Lewis County, WA

ZIP Code Area	ZIP Code	Cases	% of Total Cases
Centralia (includes Rochester)	98531, 98579	1,749	37.8%
Chehalis (includes Adna)	98532, 98522	1,415	30.6%
Cinebar	98533	21	0.5%
Curtis	98538	31	0.7%
Doty	98539	22	0.5%
Ethel	98542	35	0.8%
Galvin	98544	15	0.3%
Glenoma	98336	29	0.6%
Mineral	98355	13	0.3%
Morton	98356	81	1.8%
Mossyrock	98564	134	2.9%
Napavine	98565	87	1.9%
Onalaska	98570	178	3.8%
Packwood	98361	38	0.8%
Pe Ell	98572	63	1.4%
Randle	98377	62	1.3%
Salkum	98582	28	0.6%
Silver Creek	98585	43	0.9%
Toledo	98591	191	4.1%
Vader	95893	58	1.3%
Winlock	98596	325	7.0%
Not yet assigned	NA	6	0.1%

Note All numbers are subject to change as more data are available and are verified. The numbers above have been adjusted based on a weekly audit of LCPHSS numbers against DOH and labs/addresses, therefore the numbers for various ZIP code areas may have decreased from the previous week. ZIP code areas include the cities noted, but do not match city boundaries. Even though cities outside of Lewis County are included in the ZIP code, case numbers listed here only count Lewis County addresses and residents.

Weekly Case Numbers

- The highest number of diagnosed COVID-19 cases in a single week for Lewis County residents occurred December 6-12, 2020, when 262 residents were diagnosed with COVID-19.
- The current Lewis County 14-day total for newly diagnosed COVID-19 cases is **266 (331.5 per 100K)**.

Weekly COVID-19 Totals, May 2 - May 15, 2021, Lewis County, WA

Reporting Week (Sunday-Saturday)	Total Cases in Week	Running Total (cumulative)
May 2 - May 8, 2021	135	4,554
May 9 - May 15, 2021	131	4,685

Note All numbers are subject to change as more data are available and are verified.

Congregate Care Setting Outbreaks

Congregate care settings include licensed facilities, such as nursing homes, assisted living, adult family homes, child care centers, schools, homeless shelters, jail, detention and other similar group care or placement settings. An outbreak involves two or more linked cases of COVID-19. The number of outbreaks reported does not equal the number of persons involved.

- As of May 15, 2021, there was **one active outbreak** under investigation in a congregate care setting in Lewis County, an **increase** from the previous reporting week
- To date, 30 total congregate care setting outbreaks have occurred in Lewis County, accounting for 358 COVID-19 cases.

Healthy Washington: Roadmap to Recovery Metrics

- Healthy Washington: Roadmap to Recovery is a phased-reopening plan, in which counties are individually evaluated every three weeks. Evaluations occur on Monday with any possible changes going into effect on Friday.
- The first evaluation occurred on April 12, 2021 and Lewis County remained in **Phase 3**; on May 4, 2021, Governor Inslee placed a two-week pause to the Healthy Washington reopening plan, with all counties staying in their current phases.
- On May 13, 2021, Governor Inslee announced that, effective May 18, 2021, the state will move toward a statewide June 30, 2021 reopening date with all counties moving to Phase 3.
- Large and small counties have different sets of criteria. If any county fails both of the metrics below, that county will move down one phase.
- For large counties, defined as counties with more than 50,000 residents, to remain in Phase 3 they must keep a 14-day average of new COVID-19 cases below 200 per 100,000 residents or a seven-day average of new hospitalizations per 100,000 below five. For more details, visit: <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/roadmap-recovery-metrics>.

COVID-19 Vaccinations

- Currently, the **COVID-19 vaccine is available to all people 12 years and older.**
- If you are eligible, please visit: <https://vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov/> to locate a vaccine provider near you. If you are 65 or older, you can call the Lewis County Mobile Vaccine Project hotline at 1-888-205-1321 Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. to register to get vaccinated. The age limit on this service will be lowered as more vaccine becomes available.
- As of May 15, 2021, **25.4%** of Lewis County residents had been fully vaccinated.

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution as of May 15, 2021, Lewis County, WA

Vaccine Doses Given	People Initiating Vaccination (% of Population)	People Fully Vaccinated (% of Population)
29,720	25,210 (31.4%)	20,351 (25.4%)

For More Information on COVID-19

Lewis County Public Health & Social Services

- Phone 360-740-1222
- COVID-19 website: <https://phsscovid19.lewiscountywa.gov/>
- COVID-19 Vaccine: <https://phsscovid19.lewiscountywa.gov/covid-19-vaccine-overview>
- Sign up for daily COVID-19 update by email at: <http://eepurl.com/gVWaTH>

Lewis County Government COVID-19 Website

- Landing page for Public Health Updates, Emergency Operations Center, Lewis County Alert Signup, “What Can I do to Help?” and “Have a Need” resource links, and Public Health Facebook page link: <https://www.lewiscountywa.gov/covid19>

Washington State Department of Health

- COVID-19 website: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus>
- COVID-19 Vaccine information: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19/Vaccine>
- For the most recent tally of cases by county, demographics, and more, go to: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/NovelCoronavirusOutbreak2020COVID19/DataDashboard>
- Washington 211 COVID-19 general information call center: 1-800-525-0127 or text 211-211.
- If you or anyone you know is having difficulties managing stress, call the Washington Listens support line at 1-833-681-0211.

Washington State Government

- COVID-19 website: <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/>
- Roadmap to Recovery Metrics: <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/covid-19-roadmap-recovery-metrics>

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

COVID-19 website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

Definitions

- **Deaths:** A person diagnosed with COVID-19 who dies due to health complications related to the illness is counted as a COVID-19 death. A person with other life-limiting illness(es) who dies will only be counted as a COVID-19 death if the viral illness was the primary cause of death.
- **Diagnosed with COVID-19 (Confirmed Case):** A person has had a laboratory (viral) test for COVID-19 and the test was positive.
- **Hospitalized:** A person is counted as hospitalized if they were an inpatient for COVID-19 related reasons at any time during their illness.
- **Isolation:** Persons diagnosed with COVID-19 separate themselves from other people to prevent the possible spread of COVID-19. Isolation can last 14 or more days until the person is no longer considered infectious.
- **Laboratory Testing for COVID-19:**
 - The **PCR viral test** detects genetic material of the virus to determine if persons being tested have active virus in their bodies. A positive test is a diagnosis of COVID-19 infection. This is considered the most accurate test in use.
 - An **antigen test** detects the presence of certain proteins specific to the virus. It is faster and less expensive than a PCR viral test. However, due to its increased chance of false-negative results, it is not considered to be as accurate as the PCR viral test.
 - An **antibody test** determines if antibodies against COVID-19 are present in the tested person's blood. A positive test is an indication that that person may have been exposed to COVID-19 at some time, but is not a diagnosis of active COVID-19 infection.
- **Outbreak:** An outbreak involves one or more linked cases of COVID-19. The number of outbreaks reported does not equal the number of persons involved.
- **Probable COVID-19 Case:** Probable cases are those where individuals had a positive antigen test result for COVID-19, but no positive molecular test result. To avoid double counting, if a case receives a positive molecular test after their positive antigen test, that individual is no longer considered or counted as a probable case and is classified as a diagnosed (confirmed) case.
- **Quarantine:** Persons who were in close contact with another person who was diagnosed with COVID-19 separate themselves from other people to prevent the possible spread of COVID-19. Quarantine can last 14 or more days until the person is no longer considered potentially infectious.
- **Resident:** A person who lives within the geographic boundaries of Lewis County.
- **Viral load:** The amount of virus in an infected person's blood. It is written as the number of viral particles in each milliliter of blood. Generally, the higher a viral load is, the more the disease is progressing and the more likely a person is to spread the virus to others.